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Sixty-four per cent of the 2012 crop has been seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is approximately 44 per cent seeded.

Seeding significantly advanced this past week due to warm weather and dry field conditions. Sixty-eight per cent of the crop is seeded in the southeast, 75 per cent in the southwest, 50 per cent in the east-central area, 65 per cent in the west-central area, 66 per cent in the northeast and 67 per cent in the northwest.

This week's precipitation varied from trace amounts to well over an inch in southwestern regions. Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as nine per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture is eight per cent surplus, 87 per cent adequate and five per cent short.

Livestock water availability is adequate and pasture conditions are rated as 26 per cent excellent, 64 per cent good, nine per cent fair and one per cent poor.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds and moving cattle to pasture.

One year ago

Twenty-three per cent of the 2011 crop had been seeded. Seeding had significantly progressed in western regions while eastern regions were just starting.

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Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded All Crops	
May 21/12	64
5 year avg. (2007-2011)	44
May 16/11	23
May 17/10	28
May 18/09	47
May 18/08	56
May 20/07	64

Seeding Progress by Crop District		
CD	May 21/12	May 16/11
1a	54	4
1b	51	3
2a	68	3
2b	71	16
3ase	93	13
3asw	66	18
3an	66	35
3bs	75	31
3bn	80	59
4a	73	16
4b	85	36
5a	43	8
5b	41	3
6a	62	21
6b	57	21
7a	66	26
7b	73	45
8a	72	10
8b	61	17
9ae	60	14
9aw	70	37
9b	65	45

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Sixty-eight per cent of the 2012 crop is in the ground in the southeastern region, up significantly from 14 per cent last week. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is 44 per cent of acres seeded. At this time, five per cent of acres are indicated to remain unseeded due to excess moisture.

Southeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% seeded (May 21, 2012)**
1A	54
1B	51
2A	68
2B	71
3ASE	93
Region average	**68**
five-year average (2007-2011)	44

Small to trace amounts of rainfall last week coupled with warm and windy weather has allowed seeding to rapidly progress. The Moose Jaw and Pense areas recorded the greatest amount of rainfall last week at 11 mm and 10 mm, respectively. Crop reporters have indicated that flooding has occurred on two per cent of seeded acres, three per cent of forage acres and on four per cent of pasture acres. These acres are not likely to produce a crop or are not accessible at this time.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions continue to improve with 12 per cent of acres rated as surplus, 86 per cent as adequate and two per cent as short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions have also improved, with seven per cent rated as surplus, 89 per cent as adequate and four per cent as short. Crop reporters in CD 3ASE have indicated that some areas have been seeded for the first time in many years.

The availability of livestock water is rated as 99 per cent adequate and one per cent inadequate. Pasture conditions are 29 per cent excellent, 65 per cent good and six per cent fair. The southeastern region is reporting that seven per cent of emerged crop acres have flooding damage, 14 per cent is damaged by wind and three per cent is damaged by disease.

There have been reports of early disease in winter wheat but most acres have received a fungicide application at herbicide timing. Some wheat and canola crops have emerged but soil crusting has delayed most crop emergence due to rainfall in early May. A light frost was recorded in the Grenfell area but crop damage is minimal. A majority of farmers are done seeding or will be done in the next week or so if the weather co-operates.

Farmers are busy seeding and controlling weeds.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Seventy-five per cent of the crop has been seeded in the southwestern region, as compared to 42 per cent last week. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is 58 per cent of acres seeded. At this time, two per cent of acres are indicated to remain unseeded due to excess moisture.

Southwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% Seeded (May 21, 2012)**
3ASW	66
3AN	66
3BS	75
3BN	80
4A	73
4B	85
region average	**75**
five-year average (2007-2011)	58

Precipitation ranged from small amounts in most of the region to 34 mm in the Maple Creek area. Some fields in CD 3ASW are reported to be flooded in low lying areas and more dry weather will be needed before these fields can be seeded. The southwestern region is reporting that one per cent of seeded acres are flooded, three per cent of forage acres are flooded and one per cent of pasture land is flooded.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are rated as five per cent surplus, 94 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as two per cent surplus, 93 per cent adequate and five per cent short.

The availability of livestock water is rated as 98 per cent adequate and two per cent inadequate. Pasture conditions are 27 per cent excellent, 67 per cent good and six per cent fair.

The region is reporting seven per cent of emerged crop acres to be damaged by flooding, five per cent damaged by frost, five per cent damaged by insects and two per cent damaged by diseases.

A majority of farmers are done seeding or will be soon if weather permits. There have been reports of shortages of both fertilizer and canola seed. The winter wheat has been sprayed for weeds and disease but many fields are stressed due to the recent rainfall. Canola, cereals and pulses have emerged and in-crop spraying will begin soon. Several areas received frost over the weekend but crop damage has been minimal.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds and moving cattle to pasture.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Seeding has significantly progressed in the east-central region. Fifty per cent of acres are in the ground, up from 12 per cent last week. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is 30 per cent of acres seeded. At this time, five per cent of acres are indicated to remain unseeded due to excess moisture.

East-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% Seeded (May 21, 2012)**
5A	43
5B	41
6A	62
region average	**50**
five-year average (2007-2011)	30

Precipitation varied throughout the region last week with the Earl Grey area recording the greatest amount (16 mm). Warm weather has allowed farmers to get back into drier fields and there are reports of some fields being worked in an effort to further dry them. Farmers in CD 6A have been able to seed some fields for the first time in the last three years. However, there are still reports of excess moisture concerns in some areas.

Crop reporters have indicated that two per cent of seeded acres have been flooded, six per cent of forage acres and five per cent of pasture acres. These acres are not likely to produce a crop or are not accessible at this time.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions continue to improve with 22 per cent rated as surplus, 76 per cent as adequate and two percent as short. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 27 per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate and two per cent short.

Livestock water availability is adequate and pasture conditions are rated as 29 per cent excellent, 53 per cent good, 17 per cent fair and one per cent poor. There have been no reports of damage to emerged crops this past week.

Most farmers will be done seeding in the next week or two if weather allows. Most fields have received a pre-seed weed control application though there are some fields that will not be sprayed in time due to slow weed growth or windy conditions. There have been reports of frost but damage to emerged pulses and cereals has been minimal.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, rolling pulses and moving cattle to pasture.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Farmers in the region have 65 per cent of the crop in the ground as compared to 17 per cent last week. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is 50 per cent of acres seeded. At this time, three per cent of acres will remain unseeded due to excess moisture.

West-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% Seeded (May 21, 2012)**
6B	57
7A	66
7B	73
Region average	**65**
five-year average (2007-2011)	50

Small amounts of rainfall were recorded this past week, with the Kindersley and Sonningdale areas reporting the greatest amount (13 mm each). Warm and windy weather has progressed seeding significantly in the region and some areas will need a rainfall in the coming week to help canola emerge. However, there are some areas that are reporting localized flooding. Two per cent of the seeded crop acres are flooded while one per cent of the forage land is flooded.

Cropland topsoil moisture is two per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and eight per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil is rated as 90 per cent adequate and 10 per cent short.

There have been reports of frost damage to early seeded cereals. Eleven per cent of the emerged crop has frost damage while two per cent has wind or flooding damage. Pasture conditions are rated as 34 per cent excellent, 60 per cent good and six per cent fair. Ninety-eight per cent of available livestock water is adequate while two per cent is inadequate.

Cool nighttime temperatures have delayed weed growth but most fields have received a pre-seed weed control herbicide application. There are reports of cutworms in the Macklin area and spraying may be warranted if thresholds are reached. Cereals and pulses are emerging and there are indications that seeding could be finished within a week or two. Warm weather and some precipitation would be welcomed by most farmers in the region.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds and moving cattle to pasture.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Northeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% Seeded (May 21, 2012)**
8A	72
8B	61
9AE	60
Region average	**66**
five-year average (2007-2011)	29

Warm and windy weather have allowed farmers to get 66 per cent of the crop in the ground, up from 21 per cent last week. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is 29 per cent of acres seeded. At this time, there are indications that three per cent of acres will remain unseeded due to excess moisture.
Small amounts of precipitation have allowed farmers to greatly advance seeding progress. The Birch Hills area recorded the greatest amount of rainfall this past week at 7 mm. There are indications that rainfall will be needed to help seeded crops emerge. Two per cent of seeded acres and one per cent of forage acres are not expected to produce a crop due to flooding. One per cent of pasture land is not accessible at this time.

Topsoil moisture for crop land is rated as two per cent surplus, 94 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 94 per cent adequate and six per cent short. There have been no reports of damage to emerged crops.

Livestock water availability is 100 per cent adequate while pasture conditions are 24 per cent excellent, 64 per cent good and 12 per cent fair.

Frost over the weekend has done minimal damage to emerged crops and there are reports of canary seed and some canola now being seeded. Strong winds have delayed pre-seed weed control but the majority of fields have been sprayed. There have been reports of anhydrous ammonia and dry fertilizer shortages.

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Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Sixty-seven per cent of the crop in the northwestern region is in the ground, up significantly from 28 per cent last week. The area is well above the five-year (2007-2011) average of 45 per cent of acres seeded at this time of year.

Northwestern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	**% Seeded (May 21, 2012)**
9AW	70
9B	65
Region average	**67**
five-year average (2007-2011)	45

Precipitation varied throughout the region with the Meadow Lake area recording the greatest amount (24 mm). Warm and windy conditions have dried up fields and there are indications that a significant rainfall will be needed soon.

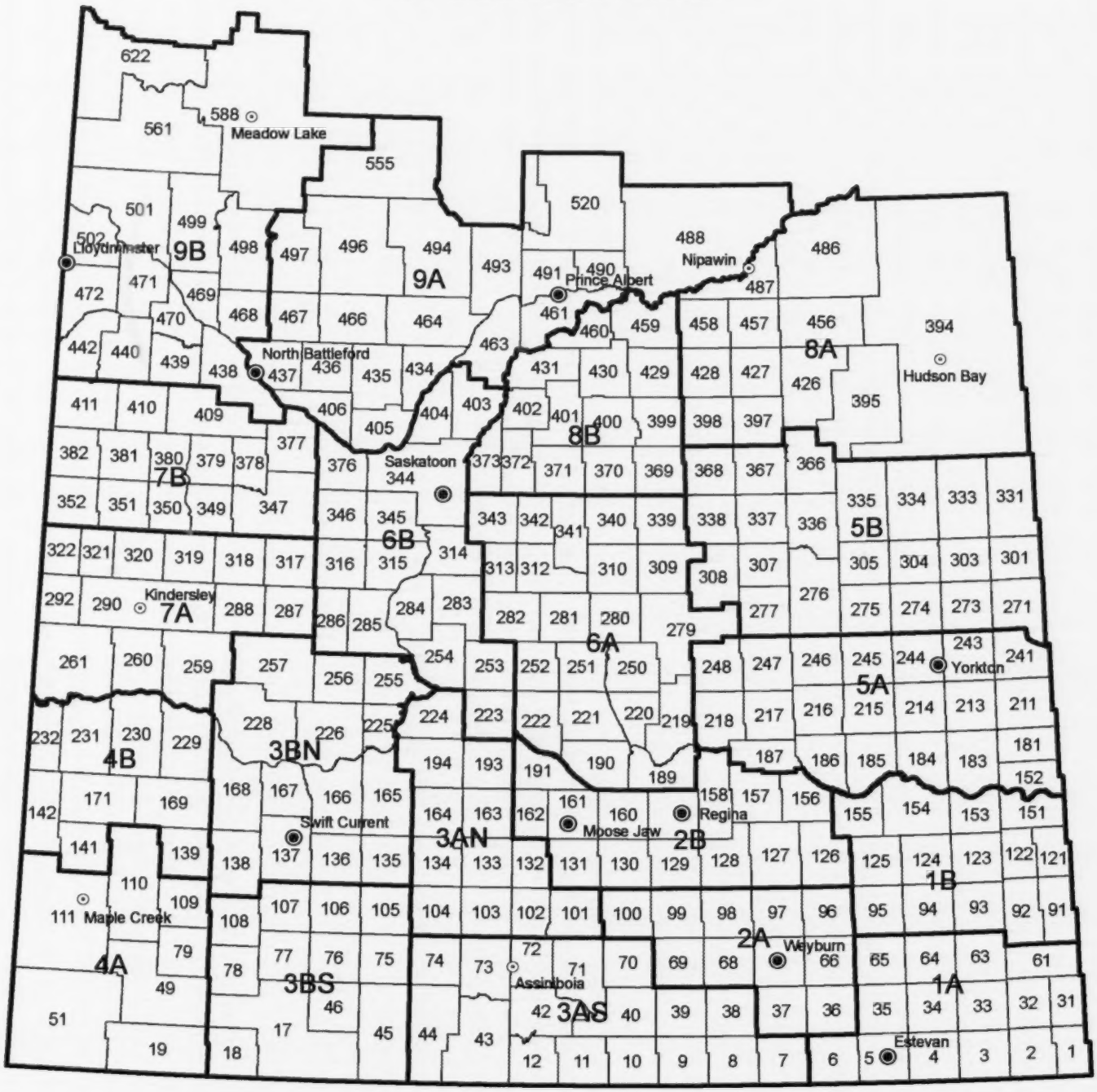
Topsoil moisture for crop land is rated as four per cent surplus, 93 per cent adequate and three per cent short. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate, seven per cent short and two per cent very short.

Livestock water availability is 94 per cent adequate and six per cent inadequate. Pasture conditions are four per cent excellent, 72 per cent good, 18 per cent fair and six per cent poor.

There have been reports of frost over the weekend and six per cent of emerged crop has been damaged. Peas and wheat are slowly emerging but more heat will be needed to help them grow. There have been reports of fertilizer and anhydrous ammonia shortages.

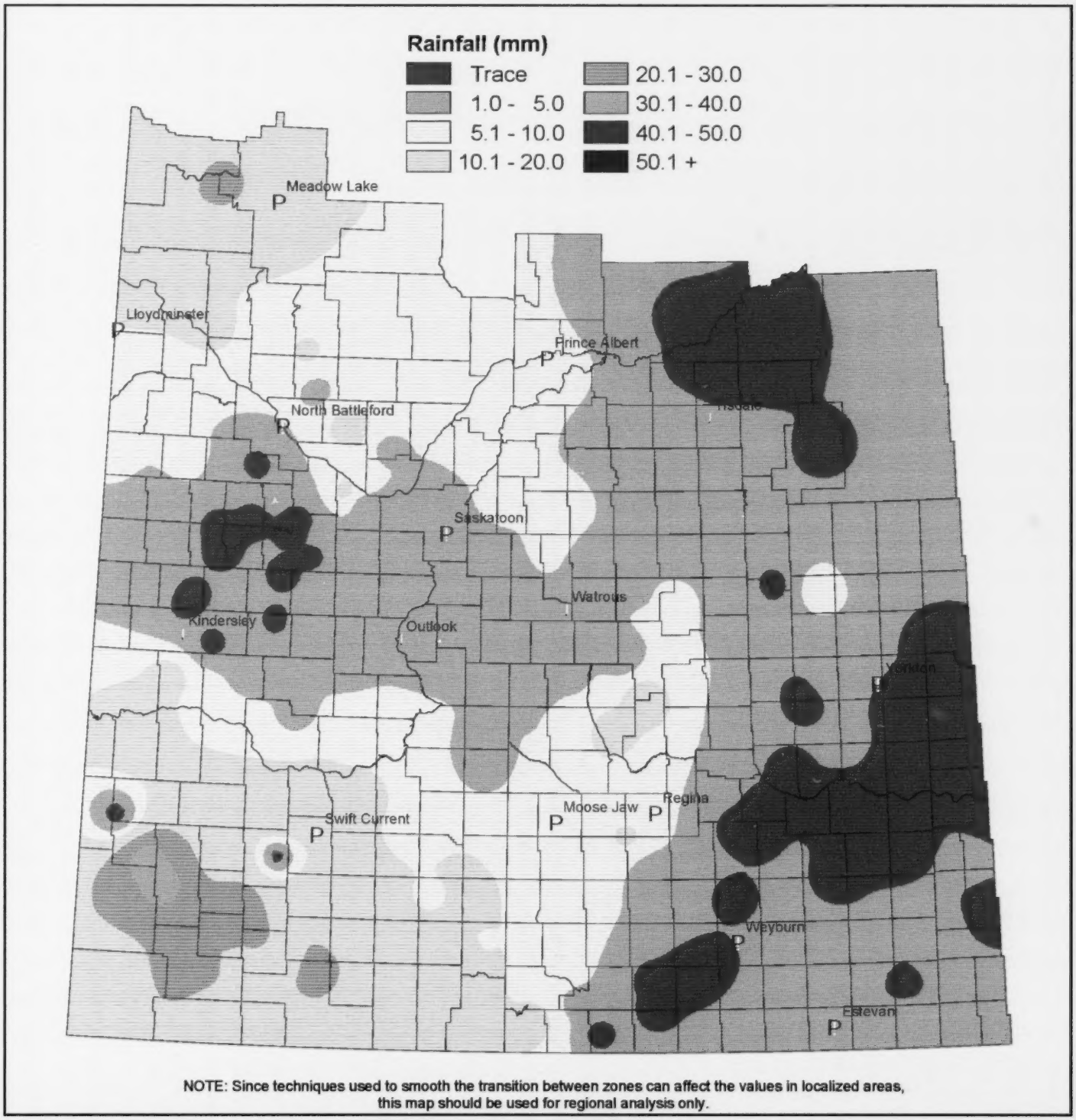
Farmers are busy seeding and controlling weeds.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending May 21, 2012



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period May 15 to 21, 2012

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	2	48
	2	Mount Pleasant	N/A	83
	3	Enniskillen	2	105
	33	Moose Creek	NIL	91
	34	Browning	N/A	107
	61 A	Antler	N/A	134
	61 B	Antler	N/A	NIL
	63	Moose Mountain	2	122
	64	Brock	5	120
	65	Tecumseh	3	96
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	113
	92	Walpole	2	129
	95	Golden West	NIL	107
	122	Martin	2	136
	123	Silverwood	NIL	115
	124	Kingsley	NIL	97
	151 A	Rocanville	1	144
	151 B	Rocanville	NIL	151
	153	Willowdale	NIL	103
	154	Elcapo	N/A	110
	155	Wolseley	NIL	127
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	N/A
	67	Weyburn	N/A	60
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	91
	69	Norton	N/A	N/A
	97	Wellington	NIL	84
2B	127 A	Francis	NIL	104
	127 B	Francis	NIL	85
	129	Bratt's Lake	2	94
	131	Baildon	6	107
	156	Indian Head	NIL	140
	160 A	Pense	10	90
	160 B	Pense	7	114
	161	Moose Jaw	11	121
	162	Caron	9	117
	191	Marquis	7	87
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	NIL	87
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	72
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	67
	39 B	The Gap	NIL	81
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	98
	12	Poplar Valley	12	106
	40	Bengough	4	57
	42	Willow Bunch	10	87
	43	Old Post	14	86
	44	Waverley	N/A	96
	70	Key West	N/A	86
	71	Excel	6	79
	73 A	Stonehenge	17.6	101
	73 B	Stonehenge	9	100
	74	Wood River	10	90
3AN	101	Terrell	5	109
	102	Lake Johnston	8.1	104
	103	Sutton	13	89
	104	Gravelbourg	9	71
	132	Hillsborough	10	106
	134	Shamrock	11	111
	164	Chaplin	5	94
	193 A	Eyebrow	2	92
	193 B	Eyebrow	2	131
	194	Enfield	N/A	116
3BS	17	Val Marie	30	164
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	N/A
	45	Mankota	16	112
	75 A	Pinto Creek	11	126
	75 B	Pinto Creek	12	105
	76 A	Auvergne	15	96
	76 B	Auvergne	14	96
	77	Wise Creek	16	97
	78 A	Grassy Creek	26	111
	78 B	Grassy Creek	16	94
	78 C	Grassy Creek	17	101
	105	Glenbain	10	91
	106	Whiska Creek	12	102
	107	Lac Pelletier	13	104
	108	Bone Creek	N/A	87
3BN	136	Webb	NIL	71
	166	Excelsior	12	141
	167	Sask. Landing	11.4	113
	168	Riverside	20	94
	226	Victory	4	91
	228	Lacadena	7	103
	257	Monet	3.5	110

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
4A	19	Frontier	16	86
	49	White Valley	27	76
	51	Reno	15.5	61
	79	Arlington	20	95
	109	Carmichael	29	128
	110	Piapot	34	94
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	2
4B	139	Gull Lake	14	77
	141	Big Stick	34	110
	142	Enterprise	NIL	66
	169	Pittville	18	88
	231	Happyland	17	89
5A	183	Fertile Belt	NIL	145
	186	Abernethy	NIL	102
	211	Churchbridge	NIL	93
	213	Saltcoats	NIL	124
	214	Cana	N/A	N/A
	216	Tullymet	1	112
	217	Lipton	5	115
	241	Calder	NIL	80
	243	Wallace	N/A	67
	245 A	Garry	2	154
	245 B	Garry	NIL	183
	245 C	Garry	NIL	137
	246	Iluna Bon Accord	2	117
	247	Kellross	4	132
	248	Touchwood	8	64
5B	271	Cote	NIL	85
	276	Foam Lake	N/A	126
	277	Emerald	3	157
	305	Invermay	8	96
	307	Elfros	2	176
	308	Big Quill	10	107
	333 A	Clayton	5	98
	334	Preeceville	2	80
	336	Sasman	NIL	143
	337	Lakeview	N/A	111
	338	Lakeside	3	103
	366	Kelvington	1	120
6A	190 A	Dufferin	10	106
	190 B	Dufferin	10	108
	190 C	Dufferin	7	92
	190 D	Dufferin	N/A	122
	219	Longlaketon	16	96
	220	Mckillop	14	111
	221	Sarnia	8.3	104
	222	Craik	4	122
	251	Big Arm	3	96
	252	Arm River	3	87
	279	Mount Hope	2	104
	282	McCraney	3	94
	309	Prairie Rose	4	119
	313	Last River	N/A	75
	339	Leroy	3	142
	340	Wolverine	3	81
	341	Viscount	8	86
	343	Blucher	1	120
	283	Rosedale	2	101
6B	284	Rudy	2	145
	285	Fertile Valley	4	113
	286	Milden	4	114
	314	Dundurn	2	111
	344	Corman Park	1	75
	346	Perdue	4	132
	376 A	Eagle Creek	3	88
	376 B	Eagle Creek	13	107
	403	Rosthern	5	93
	259	Snipe Lake	1	108
7A	260 A	Newcombe	9	92
	260 B	Newcombe	13	116
	287	St. Andrews	2	125
	288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	118
	290	Kindersley	NIL	64
	292	Milton	N/A	96
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	101
	317 B	Marriott	3	94
	318	Mountain View	NIL	90
	320 A	Oakdale	NIL	100
	320 B	Oakdale	NIL	93
	321	Prairiedale	5	130

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	87
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	69
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	95
	350 B	Mariposa	NIL	59
	351	Progress	1	113
	352	Heart's Hill	2	106
	377	Glenside	5	81
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	87
	378 B	Rosemount	1	78
	379	Reford	NIL	87
	381	Grass Lake	1	106
	409 A	Buffalo	NIL	65
	409 B	Buffalo	2	56
	410	Round Valley	8	34
	411	Senlac	6	93
8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	111
	397	Barrier Valley	3.2	91
	426	Star City	1	96
	456	Arborfield	NIL	83
	457	Connaught	NIL	83
	458	Willow Creek	NIL	62
	486	Moose Range	NIL	57
	487	Nipawin	NIL	106
8B	369	St. Peter	5	120
	370	Humboldt	5	117
	371	Bayne	6	96
	372	Grant	6.2	92
	402	Fish Creek	5	85
	429	Flett's Springs	3	66
	459	Kinistino	4	80
	460	Birch Hills	6.6	88
9AE	461	Prince Albert	6.5	89
	488	Torch River	NIL	29
	491	Buckland	N/A	73
9AW	406	Mayfield	9	78
	435	Redberry	4	95
	436	Douglas	14	78
	463	Duck Lake	8	90
	464	Leask	N/A	15
	467 A	Round Hill	4	66
	467 B	Round Hill	N/A	69
	494	Canwood	8	84
	497	Medstead	11	70
9B	438	Battle River	N/A	77
	440	Hillsdale	7	59
	442	Manitou Lake	6.6	67
	468 B	Meota	N/A	38
	498 A	Parkdale	6	98
	498 B	Parkdale	6	48
	499	Mervin	12	65
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	11	66
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	11	56
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	16	88
	561	Loon Lake	16	60
	588 A	Meadow Lake	11	51
	588 B	Meadow Lake	24	69
	588 C	Meadow Lake	16	50
	588 D	Meadow Lake	33	83
	622	Beaver River	15	61

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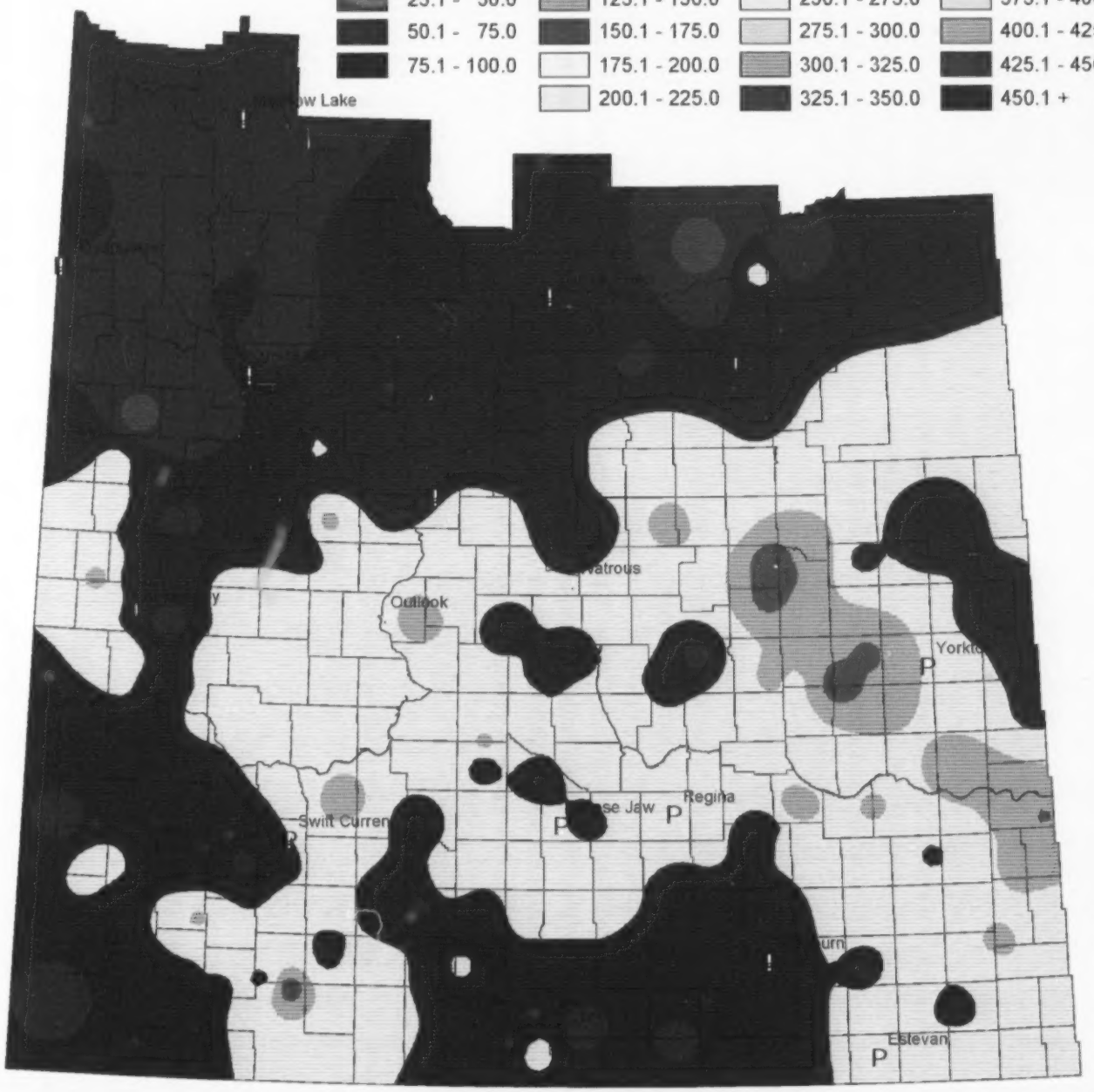
Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2012
To: May 21, 2012



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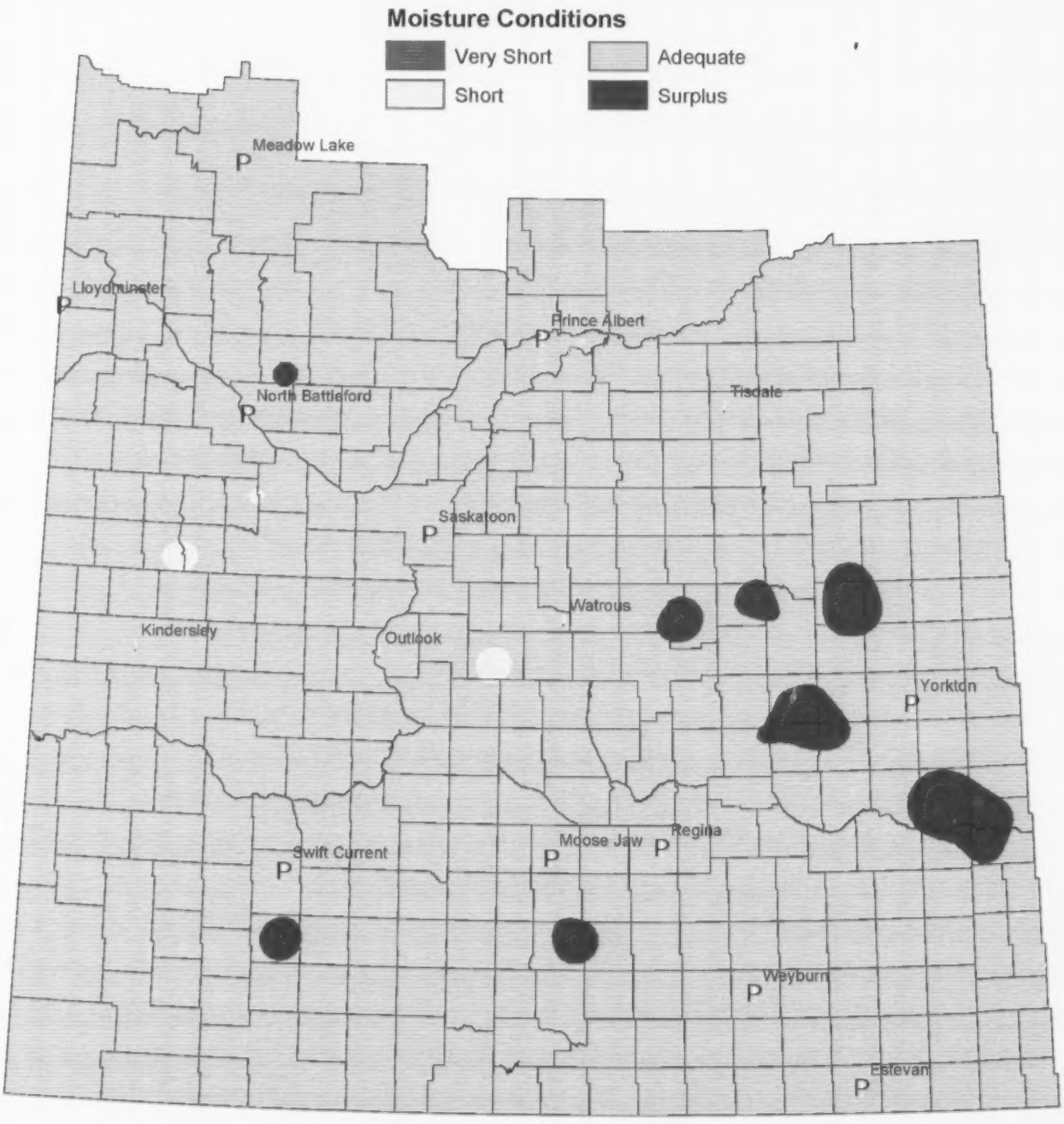
Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 22, 2012



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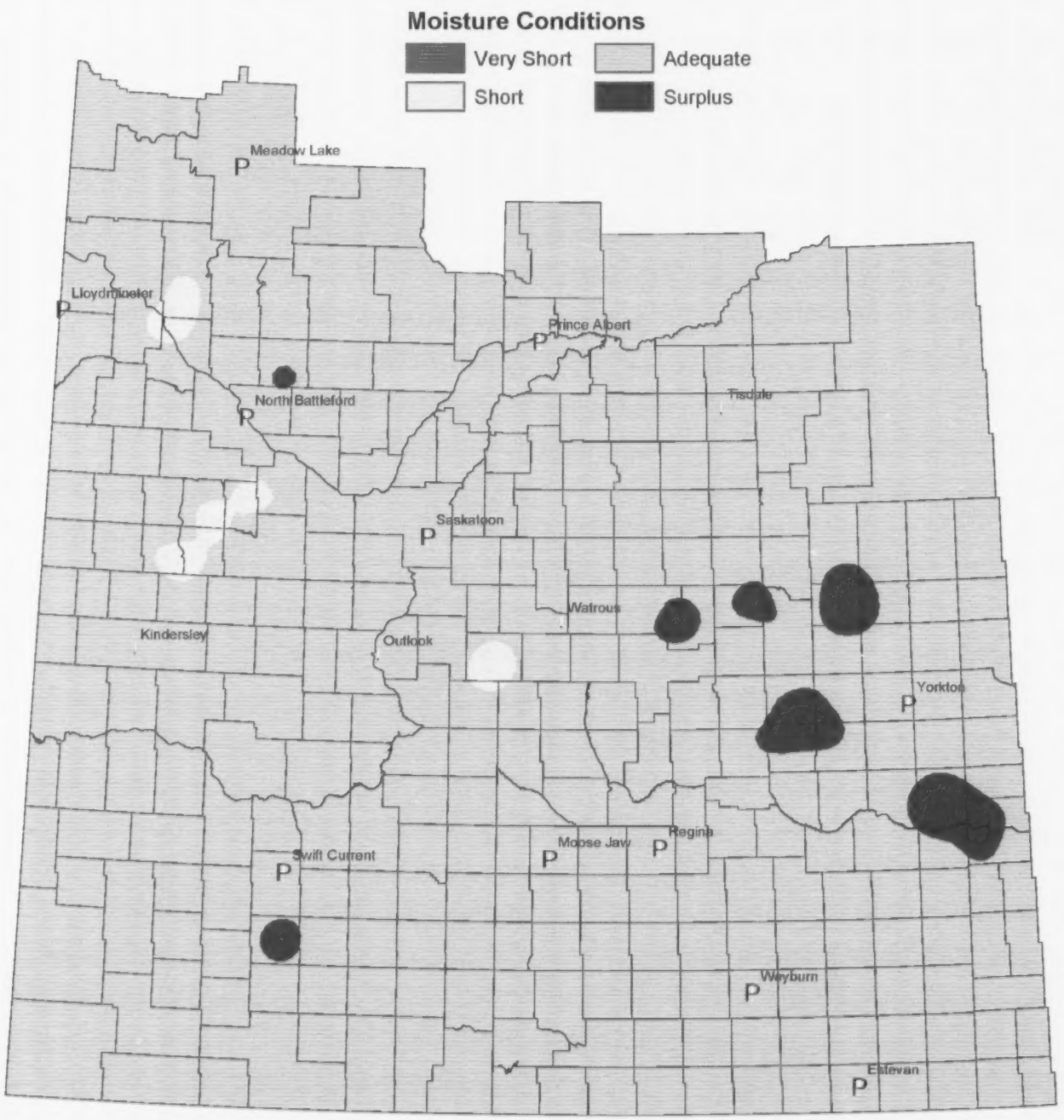
Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 22, 2012



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